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1. WHEN I MET WITH CHANCELLERY STATE MINISTER WISCHNEWSKI ON MAY 11 (SEPTELS), I ASKED HIM WHAT SUBJECTS THE CHANCELLOR PLANNED TO TAKE UP DURING HIS NATO BILATERAL WITH THE PRESIDENT. WISCHNEWSKI SAID IT WAS OF OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE THAT THE MEETING CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF THE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND SCHMIDT. THE CHANCELLOR WAS MOST ANXIOUS TO DEVELOP FURTHER HIS PERSONAL TIES TO THE PRESIDENT AND WOULD APPROACH THE MEETING WITH THIS UPPERMOST IN MIND.
2. WISCHNEWSKI SAID SCHMIDT ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE FRG'S RELATIONS WITH THE US AND WAS WELL AWARE THAT HIS PERSONAL TIES TO THE PRESIDENT COULD STRENGTHEN THESE RELATIONS. CONCLUDING, WISCHNEWSKI SAID IT WAS .OBVIOUSLY IMPORTANT THAT THE PRESIDENT MAKE SOME DEMONSTRATIVE, POSITIVE STATEMENT ON US-FRG RELATIONS DURING HIS VISIT HERE IN JULY.

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